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## Dorothy Dix Talks

HOW TO POP THE QUESTION.

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I have a letter from a bashful swain who asks me for the formula for a marriage proposal.

He says that he is very much in love with a girl and is anxious to ask her to marry him, but that he does not know in what words to induce her to go over the top with him and engage in the great battle of matrimony.

You can't answer a question like that categorically. There is no cut-and-dried phrase in which a man can pop the question as there is for introducing people, or saying good night after a party. Each man is supposed to be so inspired by the time, the place and the girl that he turns into a poet and woe the lady of his heart in language so beautiful and impassioned that nobody but a deaf woman would resist it.

That is the way men propose in novels and on the stage. Truth, alas, compels us to admit that they do it slightly differently in real life. In actual experience a man approaches his great moment with clammy hands and cold feet; he stammers and gurgles and chokes on his Adams apple, and blurts out something that the woman only knows is a matrimonial proposition because she has worked him up to the scratch.

One of the secrets that no man ever tells is how he proposed to his wife. To his dying day he is ashamed of the way he muffed the ball. Neither does the wife ever tell, because the way her husband popped the question to her is the blighting disappointment of her life. Ever since she could toddle she had dreamed of having her little romantic hour as Juliet and when it came it wasn't pink moonbeams at all. It was corned beef and cabbage, which is good substantial diet, but not a thing for your memory to gloat over the balance of your existence.

Of course, being a woman, and in full sympathy with my sex on this subject, I can but advise my correspondent to pop the question to his sweetheart in such a beautiful, romantic and poetic manner that she will be proud to tell her great grandchildren about it.

However, that is just a concession to woman's love of frills and the aesthetic. It is not a necessity. As a cold matter of fact, what with the high cost of living, the proneness of the modern man to sidestep the altar and the depleted supply of matrimonial timber, it doesn't make much difference nowadays how a man proposes, just so he does it.

So go to it, son, in the first words that come to you. They will more than likely take the trick. And many heaven bless you and preserve you.

Chevalier used to sing a charming little cackney ditty in which the refrain was, "It wasn't what he said, it was the nifty way he said it."

In popping the question the import-

ant thing is not the thing a man says, nor the way he says it, but when he says it. Time, not eloquence, is the great psychological factor in the case. Every woman with a grain of intelligence in her head understands the value of time in dealing with men. None but a fool woman would ever ask a man for a new hat or tell him the dry goods bill must be paid in the awful fifteen minutes before dinner. She would know that the announcement a man will take like a lamb when he is rested and filled with food and drink, he will meet like a sore headed bear when he is tired, cross and hungry.

Women have likewise a chronological chart by which they can be worked, but men have not bothered to study it. If they did, not only many a family row would be avoided but there would be many more families, for many a coy maiden's "no" could be changed into "yes" if her suitor had enough intelligence to ask her at the propitious melting moment.

For instance, I asked a bachelor girl friend of mine why she did not marry a certain highly eligible gentleman who had been faithfully courting her for years.

"Because he hasn't got enough sense to pop the question to me at the right time," she replied. "He invariably proposes to me just as I have made a good business deal, or when I have on a new hat and dress and am feeling fit and fine and ready to fight the world for my own litch key. So I say no," but if he would only wait my mood and strike me when things have gone wrong at the office, or when I have rained and my skirts are limp and bedraggled, and all I want is a nice shoulder to cry on, why, I'd say, 'yes,' and thank you, too."

Generally speaking, prosperity and happiness in woman's thoughts away from matrimony while misfortune and sorrow incline her towards it. When she is pushing luck she is sufficient to herself. When luck is against her she feels the need of someone to love her and a strong arm on which to lean. Therefore, the psychological moment in which to propose to a woman is when she is weeping; never when she is laughing and gay.

There are plenty of men who have so little appreciation of how women react to the hour and the place that they actually choose a crowd in which to pop the question. They will do it over a mutton chop at midday in a crowded restaurant, with a waiter and a bus boy hovering in ear shot, and yet expect a woman to say "yes."

Nothing but the feeling that such a proposal is absolutely the last call to the dining-car can induce a woman to marry a man who offers her fried potatoes with one hand and a heart with the other and who interprets the recital of his deathless devotion by recommending the salad dressing.

Of course such a man may be too good a thing to refuse. The woman may love him so well that she would rather take him at any price than lose him, but she never thinks of his proposal without feeling that she has been cheated out of the finest flavor of romance that she would ever have known. Think of having to wait for the first kiss until it has grown as flat as a glass of stale beer or a cold onion souffle!

It may be said in favor of such a proposal that its very lack of sentiment and romance makes it sane and safe. Any woman who says "yes" when a man pops the question on a crowded street at 11 a. m. knows what she's about. So does the man. It is a business proposition made to stand, whereas the man who proposes to a girl at a ball, when the music is sobbing in the distance and the air is electric with romance, may or may not mean all he says. Any man who makes love under such circumstances and any woman who will say "yes," which explains why evening parties and moonlight excursions are first aids to Cupid. Also it is a tip of when and where to do it to the man who is thinking of popping the question.

Finally, son, never propose by letter. It is much easier to write "no" than to say it. Also the written appeal lacks the magnetism of pleading eyes and anxious looks and, anyway, no girl wants a man popping the question to her with his arms and lips a thousand miles off if she has any idea of saying "yes."

But after all, any old way goes if the girl loves you. And if she doesn't, all eloquence is wasted.

## SIMPLE FROCK FROM PARIS SHOPS.



In this gown of black satin the broad girdle is softly crushed and there are two double sash ends at the right side. The sleeves are notably tight but the cuff is deep and the fold that lies across the shoulders of the gown is repeated at the top of the cuff.

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## STYLE NOTES

Wool embroidery is effectively used on many new dresses.

Turkish effects obtain among women's luxurious negligees.

Shaded striped linings are seen in fine satin coats for afternoon.

Ivory white velvet is occasionally chosen for an autumn bridal robe.

Peacock blue cloth makes a pretty dress when piped with coral satin.

The natural waist line is the most evident among the winter fashions.

Girdles of beads are tied with long ends hanging down the front.

Shiny leather bags are favorites. Toggles are high and narrow.

The long apron panels are still seen. Necklines are on the whole rather severe.

The upper coiffure must cover the ears. Princess dinner gowns are made of velvet.

Red, white and blue jewelry is a novelty. The newest form of lynx furs is taupe dyed.

## HEALTH HINTS

Dr. William C. Woodward, health officer for the District of Columbia, gave the following as a guide to parents in preventing the spread of disease:

Don't take a chance. If the child has a sore throat call a physician. Don't jeopardize others. Isolate the child suspected of contagious disease at once.

Don't let anybody sneeze or cough in your face. Disease is spread in this way. Don't use the common drinking cup, or bubble fountain.

Don't use the unsanitized glass, or spoon, at a soda fountain. Don't go into poorly ventilated places. Don't trust to luck. Take every precaution.

Hannibal (Mo.) machinists' helpers have formed a union.

## COLD WAVE IS TRAVELING EAST

Weather Will Be Much Colder Saturday in All Sections North of Florida.

32 BELOW AT DULUTH

Bitter Cold Reported From Many Points in Northern Minnesota and Elsewhere.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—A marked cold wave has overspread the upper Missouri and upper Mississippi valleys and is extending eastward and southward towards the Atlantic coast, where the weather will be much colder Saturday in all sections north of Florida. Snow in the north and rain in the south precede the cold. Highest barometric pressures of the winter accompany a disturbance extending from Minnesota northwestward into the Canadian southwest with central pressure this morning at 31 inches. The movement of this disturbance southeastward is being preceded by the cold wave.

DULUTH, Minn., Dec. 28.—The temperature was 32 below zero here today and bitter cold was reported elsewhere in northern Minnesota.

Mercury Drops in Chicago. CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—The cold wave made itself apparent in Chicago today with a 30 degree drop of the mercury to 4 above. Ten below is predicted for tomorrow.

## SOLDIERS SEIZE PRIVATE BANKS

Bolshevik Finance Minister Orders All Institutions Taken, Including American.

PETROGRAD, Thursday, Dec. 27.—Soldiers acting under the orders of Finance Commissioner Menshinsky, today surrounded and seized all private banks in Petrograd, including the branch of National City Bank of New York. The manager, R. R. Stevens, was arrested and detained for a short time.

Many bank directors were arrested. Several surrendered the keys to the bank vaults but Stevens refused. J. B. Wright, counselor of the American embassy, called upon Mr. Stevens during the afternoon.

The National City Bank of New York was granted a license last January to begin business in Russia with particular reference to the financing of railroad construction. The license given it was the first granted to a foreign bank to do business in Russia since 1879.

At the time for the opening of the banks detachments of the Red Guard gathered in the streets and barred the entrance. Later the banks were entered, under leadership of M. Menshinsky. Orders were given that work cease and that the banks surrender their papers and the keys to their vaults. In most instances no resistance was offered. Mr. Stevens declared his bank had no vaults but only small safes. After his arrest he was permitted to return to his bank which was placed under guard. The bank directors who were arrested were accused of "sabotage." Telephone service throughout the city was stopped for an hour.

In explaining the seizure of the banks M. Menshinsky said: "We let it be known long ago that private banks should send reports weekly to the state bank. This was done but the reports were incorrect. It was then decided to occupy the banks, revise their activity and then see that they resumed business properly. The keys are in the hands of Commissioner Chelensky of the state bank as are the books and documents which have been seized."

## ROUTING FREIGHT UNDER NEW ORDERS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Under the traffic pooling plan to be worked out by Secretary McAdoo, as director general of railroads, freight will move over the shortest convenient routes regardless of the individual interests of the roads. Since earnings as well as facilities will be pooled, this system can be pursued to an extreme limit, officials pointed out today without endangering the revenues of any line. Earnings will be pooled and paid out on the basis of pre-war returns regardless of how much freight a railroad actually moves.

Railroad experts admit that there is a great loss of efficiency in competition. Freight often is billed over a particular line when it might be handled much more expeditiously over another. A shipper has had a right to

ship his freight as he pleases, but under government operation and traffic pooling it matters not which road gets his freight, it will move over the line or lines best able to handle it. Two railroads running between New York and Chicago for instance might cross at some point in between. Under the ordinary system, freight given to one road in New York would proceed all the way over that line. Under the new plan it might be diverted to the other road at the crossing point, if the other road from the crossing on to Chicago offered at the time better facilities for moving.

While admitting that competition slows up traffic in a situation such as exists at present, railroad men point to the fact that competition has brought all the improvements in railroad facilities such as the airbrake and other devices. But during the war, even they admit that the invention of new appliances is far less important than the moving of freight.

Under the government pooling plan a railroad with its lines congested will not be given more freight to handle, if it appears it may add to the congestion. Interstate commerce commission officials will work closely with Secretary McAdoo on a comprehensive operating plan. They believe a system will not be hard to devise and that with a skeleton plan outlined railroad officials themselves can carry out the details without a great deal of trouble.

Upon searching a grip carried by a small boy, they found a package which the boy explained he was taking to his father, as he was sick with gas on the stomach, and it was the only thing that would relieve him, after trying all other treatments, the package contained CAVE'S STOMACH POWDER the wonderful new treatment for GAS ON THE STOMACH, INDIGESTION, etc. Try it.—Advertisement.

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## ENGLISH HORSES

ARE UNDERFERD

Draught Animals Working on Less Than Minimum Allotted for Day.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—(Mail.)—Underfeeding and overwork are making London's horses undersized, droop-legged and sad, like Don Quixotte Rosinate. The ordinary pre-war ration of a draught horse was 35 pounds of forage, including 26 pounds of corn. The maximum ration now is 16 pounds which is the minimum a horse can work on, according to horse authorities. The worst of it is, say the authorities, is that a great many horses are not even getting the minimum ration.

## FOUR THOUSAND UNION MEN STRIKE

HAMILTON, O., Dec. 28.—Factories here were idle because of a strike of 4000 union men in protest against the arrest of thirty of their number for alleged rioting recently. The latter pleaded not guilty yesterday but declined to seek bonds and were consequently held in jail. Union leaders asserted that the strike would end only when the prisoners were released.

## MEN DEVELOP

LIBERTY FEET

Soldiers Needing Larger Marching Shoes and Two Big Sizes Have Been Ordered.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The American army, at home and in France, is rapidly developing Liberty feet on which to march to victory. Under the hard work of military training, soldiers' feet are expanding in length and width and some parts of General Pershing's forces will do their work in number thirteen and fourteen shoes instead of the old maximum number twelve of the regular sizes. The two new big sizes have been added to the quartermaster's stock.

A review of the army shoe situation issued today by the war department shows that of 32,359 men examined by the medical officers only 15 per cent were found to be correctly fitted with marching shoes. The following reasons for misfits are assigned:

"Inclination of men to choose shoes too small; faults in manner of supervision; insufficient numbers of larger and narrower sizes; incorrect markings of sizes by manufacturers."

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—Boston Transcript.

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